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SUBJECT: STRAUSS/USHIBA MEETING

1. THE STRAUSS PARTY MET WITH MINISTER USHIBA AND HIS KEY ASSOCIATES FROM BOTH TOKYO AND GENEVA IN A BRIEF SESSION DURING HIS GENEVA VISIT. THE MEETING REFLECTED A CONTINUATION OF THE VERY FRIENDLY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND COOPERATIVE TONE SYMBOLIC OF THE FINAL SESSIONS IN TOKYO.
2. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. OF THE TOKYO AGREEMENT AND THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL AREAS NOW TO PRODUCE RESULTS IN LINE WITH THAT AGREEMENT. HE PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED THE JOINT COMMITMENT FOR PARITY IN MARKET ACCESS ON BOTH TARIFFS AND NTM'S AS THE COMMON POLITICAL OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED FOR REALIZATION WITHIN THE CURRENT TOKYO ROUND NEGOTIATIONS HERE. STRAUSS ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO MOVE QUICKLY TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREED MOVES, AND SPECIFICALLY TO GET THE

FOREST PRODUCTS MISSION ORGANIZED AND OPERATIONAL WITHIN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT WITH A VISIT TO THE U.S. NORTHWEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. THEY AGREED ON AN OVERALL TIMETABLE FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF THE TOKYO ROUND WITH THE TARGET DATE FOR WRAPPING UP A POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING BY MID-JULY. THERE WAS ALSO A PLEDGE FOR FULL JAPANESE COOPERATION ALONG THE LINE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. MCDONALD TOOK THIS OCCASION TO UNDERLINE THE NECESSITY AS WELL, PARTICULARLY CALLING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF MESSRS. MIZOGUCHI AND IKEDA FROM TOKYO, TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE GEARED UP TO PROVIDE THEIR GENEVA DELEGATION WITH PROMPT TURNAROUND RESPONSES AS THE NEGOTIATIONS ACCELERATE. USHIBA ASSURED STRAUSS THAT HE THOUGHT THEY WERE ADEQUATELY MANNED BETWEEN TOKYO AND GENEVA TO MEET THIS TIMETABLE.

4. THE TWO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THEY SHOULD TENTATIVELY PLAN TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN SOMETIME IN APRIL TO TAKE STOCK ON MTN PROGRESS AND ALSO TO MONITOR RESULTS ON THE TOKYO AGREEMENT.

5. STRAUSS EMPHASIZED HOW PLEASED HE WAS WITH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S SPEECH TO THE DIET UNDERLINING THE NECESSITY FOR JAPAN TO OBTAIN THE RESULTS OUTLINED IN THE TOKYO AGREEMENT. IN RETURN, MINISTER USHIBA GAVE HIM A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPLETE TRANSLATION OF FUKUDA'S TALK AND ALSO THE ONE BY FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA. STRAUSS INDICATED HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HAVE THESE SINCE HE PLANNED TO QUOTE FROM THEM LATER, INDICATING THE INTENSITY OF THE JAPANESE COMMITMENTS AS CONCLUDED IN TOKYO. THE U.S. SIDE ALSO URGED THAT AMBASSADOR TOGO IN WASHINGTON REGULARLY SUPPLY THE STR WITH A CONTINUING LIST OF SPECIFIC MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AIMED TO REALIZE ITS TARGETS FOR GROWTH RATES, REDUCTION OF CURRENT ACCOUNTS SURPLUS, AND PARITY OF MARKET ACCESS.

6. CABLE DRAFTED AFTER DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR STRAUSS. MCDONALD

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